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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: SPC DISCUSSION JULY 31 OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENT

REF: A) USNATO 4037 DTG 311750Z JUL 75; B) USNATO 3982 DTG 291735Z

JUL 75; C) STATE 180561; D) USNATO 3925 DTG 251555Z JUL 75:

1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS JULY 31 SPC DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENT ON OPTION III (ON JULY 31). REPORT OF DISCUSSION ON DRAFT GUIDANCE REPORTED REF A. REFERENCES TO DRAFT SUPPLEMENT IN THIS MESSAGE ARE TO TEXT IN REF B.

2. US REP (MOORE) MADE THE POINTS IN PARA 3, REF C IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRG TICS IN THE "OR" VERSION OF PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENT. NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN) SAID NETHERLANDS AGREED WITH US THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO AGREEMENT ON THE FORM OF REDUCTION COMMITMENTS IN THE SUPPLEMENT. US REP DID NOT MAKE THE POINT IN PARA 4, REF C ON THE UK REP'S IDEA THAT THE SUPPLEMENT SHOULD  
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CONTAIN AN ALLIED AGREEMENT ON WHAT DATA MUST BE AGREED WITH THE EAST DURING PHASE I, SINCE EUK HAS NOT RETURNED TO THIS IDEA OR PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE IT IN THE SUPPLEMENT.

3. RE THE FRG PARA 3(BIS), NETHERLANDS REP STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THIS PARAGRAPH, BUT HAD NOT YET INFORMED HIM OF THEIR REASONS.

4. ITALINA REP (CIARRAPICO) SAID ITALY CONTINUED TO HAVE A RESERVE ON THE CONTENT OF THE PACKAGE AS STATED IN PARA 4 IN THE SUPPLEMENT.(US REP NOTED THAT ITALIAN REP HAD REFERRED TO THIS BEFORE (PARA 6, REF D), BUT HAD NOT EXPLAINED WHATEVER PROBLEM ITALY HAD IN THIS REGARD. ITALIAN REP SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES THOUGHT THAT TACTICALLY IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO OFFER ALL OF THE ELEMENTS IN THE PACKAGE ALL AT ONCE. US REP SAID THAT ITALIAN REP SEEMED TO BE REFERRING TO THE PREVIOUSLY STATED ITALIAN POSITION THAT THE CONTENT OF THE PACKAGE SHOULD BE INTRODUCED SEPARATELY. ITALIAN REP SAID THAT ITALY HAD A RESERVATION ABOUT THE CONTENT ITSELF. US REP POINTED OUT THAT SACREUR AND THE MC HAD FOUND THE CONTENT TO BE MILITARILY ACCEPTABLE, ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, WHICH THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND DRAFT SUPPLEMENT MEET. ITALIAN REP THOUGHT THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE CONTENT OF THE PACKAGE WOULD BE USEFUL. US, FRG (HOYNCK) AND CANADIAN (ROY) REPS SAID THEY COULD NOT SEE A REASON FOR SUCH DISCUSSION. (COMMENT: WE SHALL DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH ITALIAN REP.)

5. RE PARA 6(BIS) ON US MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, WE MADE CLEAR PER PARA 6, REF C, THAT WE COULD ACCEPT THIS LANGUAGE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT DID NOT PREJUDICE LATER DECISION TO ALLOW ALLIES TO TAKE CREDIT FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF US AIR PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH WITHDRAWN F-4. . HERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THIS LANGUAGE DID NOT PREJUDICE LATER DECISION OF THIS SORT.

6. RE PARA 11 ON US NUCLEAR-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT, AND THE SENTENCE WHICH FRG HAS BRACKETED (THE ALLIES WOULD WANT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD TO REFLECT IN SOME WAY THE MODELS COVERED BY THE LIMITATION"), WE MADE POINTS IN PARA 8, REF C, PRIVATELY TO FRG REP, AND HE SAID HE WOULD SEE IF HE COULD GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT BONN HAD IN MIND.

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7. RE PARA 17 ON FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, FRG REP STATED FRG PREFERRED THE US PHRASE "CONSTRAINED SYSTEMS" OVER THE BELGIAN PHRASE "ANY SYSTEM".

8. IN PARA 18, US REP AGREED TO PHRASE "AGREE NOT TO", HAVING PREVIOUSLY INFORMED UK AND FRG REPS THAT WE WOULD PRIVATELY DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER FURTHER WITH THEM, PER PARA 7, REF C. SPC AGREED TO REFERENDUM TO REMOVE THE BRACKETS AROUND "IN PRACTICE".

9. US REP ASKED IF FRG REP HAD ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON WHY FRG WISHED TO BRACKET PARA 20 OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENT ON AIR MANPOWER, PER PARA 7, REF C. FRG REP SAID THAT BONN WAS NOT

YET SURE THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD FLAG IN THE SUPPLEMENT IN THIS MANNER THE POSSIBILITY OF OPTIONAL REDUCTIONS IN AIR MANPOWER. BONN IS ALSO UNSURE THAT, IF THIS POSSIBILITY WERE FLAGGED IN THE SUPPLEMENT. THE THREE TIES IN PARA 20 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

10. SPC HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE AUGUST WORK PROGRAM AT THE END OF THE MEETING, AND WHILE SPC WILL RESERVE FINAL DECISION UNTIL AUGUST 7 MEETING, IT IS PROBABLE SPC WILL RECESS AUGUST 11 TO 15. AND POSSIBLY THE FOLLOWINGWEEK AS WELL, IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF PFFICIALS IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AS REQUESTED: IN REFS B AND E (EXCEPT ON POINTS COVERED BY REF C), IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 4.BRUCE

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